United Airlines tie up with Indian companies

595. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the American Airline giant United Airlines is expanding air travellers market in Asia and is willing to hold talks with the Indian companies for a possible tie up;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement with India has been considered;

(d) if so, the details of the final agreement signed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Consequent upon the inter-Governmental talks held between India and USA from 29th November to 02nd December, 1995, the right to operate Services under code-share arrangement between Air India and United Airlines for the latter's round-the-world operation was introduced with effect from December 15, 1995. Under this code-share arrangement, Air India is entitled to a block of 30 seats on United Airlines flights operated between India and USA. However, the code-share arangement on the United Airlines flights operated on the Pacific route (7 frequencies per week) on Delhi-Hongkong-Los Angles sector and vice versa have since been suspended due to objections raised by the Hongkong Authorities.

Free Tickets to Haj Committee

596. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many free tickets were issued to Haj Committee by Air India during the last three years; and

(b) the list of passengers who travelled on such free ticket issued during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a and (b) No gratis seats were provided to the Central Haj Committee on Haj charter flights during the last three years. However, 25 free tickets were issued in favour of the Central Haj Committee for their travel on Air India's Scheduled services from India to Jeddah and back during 1996 in connection with arrangements for Haj movement.

Facilities availed by Private Airlines in Domestic Airports

597. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the private airlines using the domestic airports for service;

(b) whether they are paying any fees or tax for using this facilities in the domestic airports; and

(c) the details of collected amount from the private airlines for the facilities provided for them by the Airport Authorities including the balance to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Private airlines using domestic airports are Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines, Gujarat Airways, Bengal Air Services Ltd., Blue Dart, Mesco Airline Ltd., Archana Airways, UP Airways Ltd., NEPC Airlines, Span Aviation, Karsan Aviation, India International, Trans Bharat Aviation, Saraya Aviation, Jagson Airline and Elbee Airline.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The amount collected by Airports Authority of India from private airlines on account of Terminal Navigation Landing Charges, Route Navigation Facilities Charges, Passenger Service Fee,